



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

July 16, 2015

Mr. Walter Lamb
Ballona Wetland Land Trust
4201 Duquesne Ave #4,
Culver City, California 90232

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request EPA-R9-2015-006884

Dear Mr. Lamb:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act request in which you requested:

Copies of any agenda packages for meetings of the Board of Directors of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Foundation (also known as The Bay Foundation), to include agendas, meeting minutes, and meeting documents, that are in the possession of Region 9.

and

Any e-mail correspondence, including attachments, from the last 12 months that is addressed to any e-mail address ending in @santamonicabay.org and that is from any of the following Region 9 staff:

- Molly Martin
- Sam Ziegler
- Jane Diamond

Any e-mail correspondence, including attachments, that is from any e-mail address ending in @santamonicabay.org and that is to any of the following Region 9 staff:

- Molly Martin
- Sam Ziegler
- Jane Diamond

Any internal Region 9 e-mail correspondence, including attachments, from the last 12 months that relates to the most recent program evaluation of the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program and which is to or from any of the following Region 9 staff:

- Molly Martin

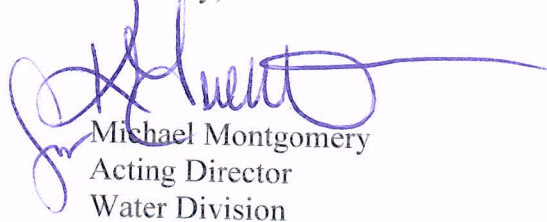
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Responsive, releasable documents and invoice documents have been uploaded to EPA's FOIAOnline system found at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. To access the documents, reference your FOIA request as EPA-R9-2015-006884.

We are unable to provide you with the documents, or portions of documents, which have been determined to be exempt from mandatory disclosure by virtue of 5 U.S.C. 552(b) 5 and 5 U.S.C. 552(b) 6. An itemized list by categories of the withheld material along with the basis for withholding is provided at the bottom of this letter. Additionally, as per our verbal agreement on July 16, 2015, emails which go out to a listserv of stakeholders, such as newsletters or committee meeting announcements, were not included.

You may appeal this partial denial to the National Freedom of Information Officer, U.S. EPA, FOIA and Privacy Branch, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460 (U.S. Postal Service Only), FAX: (202) 566-2147, E-mail: hq.foia@epa.gov. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you are submitting your appeal via hand delivery, courier service or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20004. Your appeal must be made in writing, and it must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar day limit. The appeal may include as much or as little related information as you wish, as long as it clearly identifies the determination being appealed and includes the assigned FOIA request number - EPA-R9-2015-006884). For quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." If you have any questions, please contact Molly Martin at (415) 972-3403.

Sincerely,



Michael Montgomery
Acting Director
Water Division

Itemized list of withheld material:

5 U.S.C. 552(b) 5

Two attachments from the email dated September 11, 2014, from Sam Ziegler to Jane Diamond "RE Response to EPA letter regarding Ballona Wetlands".

Attachments are exempt as they are Deliberative Process, Predecisional documents.

5 U.S.C. 552(b) 6

Redacted portions of the email "good to see you" dated June 15, 2014, from Julie Du Brow, to Molly Martin. Redacted portion is exempt as it contains personal privacy information.